

I've reviewed my state's call registry (Alabama) and found it to be completely toothless. Having looked at the Federally proposed registry, I see that there are already special exemptions for preferred industries (airlines, insurance, etc). Essentially, you're granting those special industries more control over my private phone line than your granting me. And, of course, setting the precedent at the beginning will make much easier to exempt other industries in the future.

Here's what your rule SHOULD be:

NO for-profit or non-profit organization should be allowed to call anyone listed in the registry UNLESS they have a pending transaction of which the call recipient is aware and the current call directly concerns that transaction.

You'll notice that this would impact not only businesses, but also charities, religious groups, and politicians which make up a large proportion of junk calls. Being bothered in the privacy of one's home is no more acceptable when it comes from a politician or bible thumper than it is from a business.

My phone service is MY PHONE SERVICE. I pay for it and I'd like to control how it's used. When I put my name on a do-not-call list, it's because I don't want ANY junk calls. It DOESN'T mean calls from airlines, insurance companies, and politicians are ok. If you want to help, design a do-not-call rule with some teeth. Otherwise you're just showing your impotence, laziness, and arrogance.

Sorry for the tone of this message, but I get multiple junk calls every day. I pay a lot every month for special privacy features from my telephone service provider which (for all I know) may be selling services that defeat those privacy features to the very junk calling companies I want to be protected from. And the only consumer protection I seem to be getting from the Fed is a decade-long (nearly) lawsuit against Microsoft which almost no one even cares about.